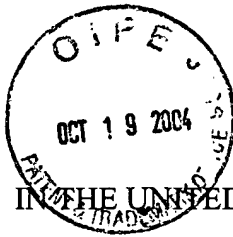


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In response to an Election/Restriction requirement mailed September 27, 2004, the Applicant herewith elects claims 1-11 and 12-18, group I for prosecution at this time without traverse.

Please amend the claims as follows to accommodate for renumbering of the claims.